



## Friends of St John Bosco

### FSJB PRESIDENT REPORT 2016

2016 Our first official full year of the “Friends of St John Bosco” and what a year it was!

The Friends of St John Bosco is all about “friend raising and supporting our community in order for our children to strive in the joy of learning”

Term 1 consisted of the “Wine and Cheese evening” where we had guest speaker Gabriella Guagliardo speak about resilience within children. This was a great evening enjoyed by all.

We introduced Entertainment books this year to the College. A special thanks to Justine Sherrell who coordinated the purchases of the books and the College made \$1299 from sales. A definite must for 2017.

We had the “Mother’s Day Breakfast” which was great to see all the fathers in cooking the bacon and egg muffins and the children enjoying their pikelets. Mother’s Day Raffle raised \$432.35.

The introduction of Subway in Term 2 and what a hit, it was amongst the students, staff and parents. With 215 orders from the students and staff throughout the College, the “Friends of St John Bosco was able to fundraise a dollar per order, totalling \$828.00 to date with one more order in Week 8 this term. Again special thanks to Joanne Della Maddelena and Subway Haynes.

The College Disco again was a great success amongst the children. This year we spilt the early learning years (Kindergarten and Pre-Primary) and the junior years (Years 1 – 3) which worked out well. The College raised \$600.40

In August we jumped on board the “Bunnings sausage sizzle” and it was great to see all of community involved. \$1611.75 was raised on the day and all sausages, buns, sauces, drinks, onions were donated by various organisations and parents.

A special thanks to Anna Queiros who raised \$183.60 from the lunch box tupperware drive.

School Banking was introduced in Term 3 and the FSJB felt this was a really great thing for our children to learn how to save money etc. To date we have 92 bankers and have raised \$699.11.

A special thanks to Aimee Anderson, Anna Queiros and Claire Wood for donating their time each week to run the banking on a Friday morning.

We had over 120 fathers attend Father’s Day breakfast and raised \$353 in raffles. A special thank you to the mums that cooked up a storm.

The Bosco carnival was held again at the William Skeet Oval. We introduced a new coffee lady this year who suggested we run a bake sale alongside the coffee tent which was a great success and raised \$273 plus \$90 in coffee donations. Special thanks to the baking mums. We are looking forward to 2017, having our own carnival on College soil. Watch this space.

We also just completed the 5 cent challenge and the children loved this. Nothing better than some class competition. The winning classes were Year 1 with \$85.55 and Kindy Teal \$73.45, overall the College raised \$523.00.

Now to our College Tea Towel. Such a wonderful memento of the 2016 year.

The FSJB this year was able to purchase a fridge for the Café area. This has come in very useful.

We have also been able to donate money towards:

- ❖ \$1400 to Literacy books
- ❖ \$1500 – Monkey Bars for the Early Learning Centre
- ❖ \$1000 – Class set of sports equipment, games, resources for junior students to use at recess and lunch
- ❖ \$500 – Giant Connect 4 for the Year 1-4 play area
- ❖ \$500 – Giant Jenga painting for hopscotch etc. Chalk board etc. for the new Year 1-4 play area

2017 looks exciting for the FSJB. We have a Quiz night organised for 24<sup>th</sup> March, and a Maggie Dent evening on 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are also looking at a College Recipe book being available for Mother's Day.

A special thank you to Maggie Burton for all her hard work when it comes to flyers, updates, mail outs etc. We appreciate everything that you do especially at such short notice, and to Miss Chrystal Leavers and Mrs Sara Tonkin for jumping on board in term 3 and attending the FSJB meetings. Your input is crucial and makes the committee meeting run a lot smoother. Thank you to Mr Kevin Sheehy for all your support and input over the year and to all the staff that help and support the events that we run. A huge thank you.

Lastly I would like to thank the executive committee, Joanne Della Maddalena, Justine Sherrell, Katherine Jolley and Nicola Reid (Term 1 & 2) for all their hard work that they have done over the year. Thank you to the rest of the committee that assist in coordinating all the events. Without your support these events would not be so successful. Thank you to our parents for all your support and donations through the year. It has been a pleasure being the president in 2016.

In moving forward, we need to remind our Bosco community and cannot stress enough the importance that all parents and family members are welcome to attend our meetings and we need your support and input from all year groups.

Thank you

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